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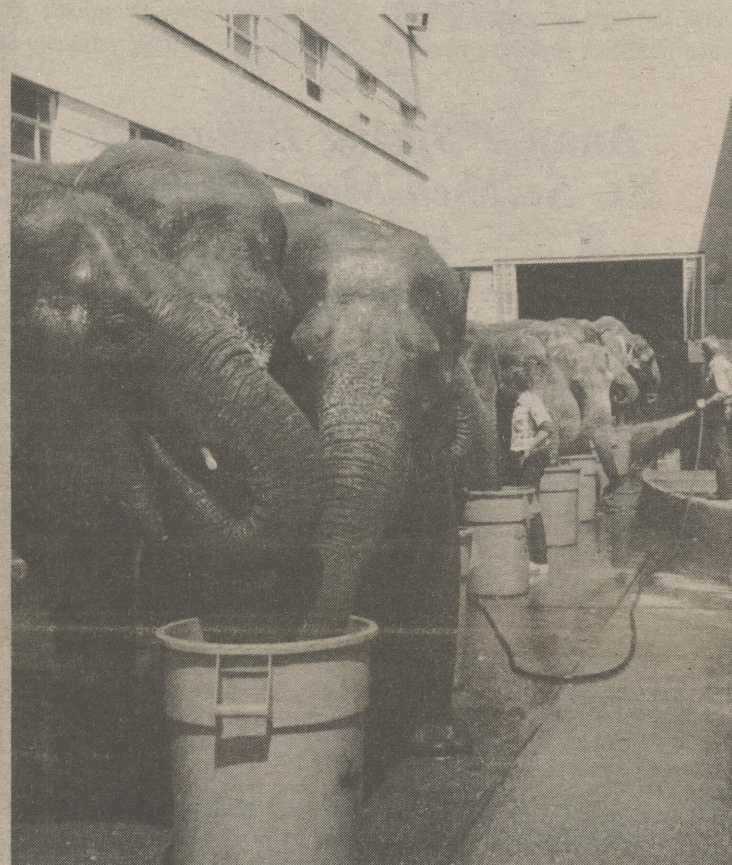
U.S. Postal Service's Hopson & Mason To Speak

Appearing at the March FBA meeting will be Charles Hopson and Matthew Mason who supervise the distribution of mail to the Foggy Bottom area. Hopson is the Manager of Area 2 Station & Branches, whose office is on Massachusetts Avenue, N.E. Matthew Mason is Acting Manager, Ward Place Station, where

mail is handled, explain the process which results in mail coming to the right place, and help us to understand some of the Street off New Hampshire Avenue.

The two Postal Service representatives have been asked to appear and *show* us how our

mail is handled, explain the process which results in mail coming to the right place, and help us to understand some of reasons for what we feel are mistakes and delays. They will also outline what we should do if our mail delivery is poor, and provide phone numbers to call about problems.



Residents say, "Leave Watergate As Is!"

The room was filled with Watergate residents when the March 8th meeting of the ANC began at St. Mary's Court. They had again arrived to protest the changes the management company had been discussing with them for about a year now.

Ron Sapenfield spoke first of the three categories that were being considered for Watergate at this time. They were: that it needed some structural maintenance since Watergate is now in its 20's; that it also needed some cosmetic changes in its shopping areas; and that the economic viability was in question. He

outlined the changes which had been discussed this year such as making the escalator area more prominent with a canopy for its shops entranceway, the large fountain dish on the lower level made smaller to allow more traffic to pass by it unrestricted; new shops built over Peoples Drugs and over the deli area; moving the deli in front of the drugstore and making it larger for a food seating capacity; pedestrian bridges stretched into the shopping area; and with the deli moved the stores in back would be more open to trade.

As Sapenfield spoke laying out the suggested plan and showing drawings of all his changes on behalf of the owner, a British holding company, everyone listened, but no one who was present was in favor of any of the major changes proposed. The residents stated that the building, even though it is older, was designed by the famed Italian architect Moranti. They questioned the plan to give it a major "facelift," altering the design of the building which has won many architectural awards. "It would be like putting makeup on the Mona Lisa," stated one resident. They clearly did not want more traffic to the shops, as the original plan for the shops was for the convenience of the 1000 residents, not the outside world, even though they welcomed their neighbors. They made it clear that most wanted only the refurbishing necessary to buildings of their age.

The discussions continue.

TALK ABOUT A GRAND OLD PARTY. . .
(see page 4 to find out about what's going on)

MEETING FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

Charles Hopson
and
Matthew Mason
U.S. Postal Service

8:00 P.M. Monday
March 28, 1988

St. Paul's Parish House
2430 K Street, N.W.

NEXT ANC MEETING

Tuesday, April 12, 1988
7:30 p.m.

Red Cross Building
2025 E St., N.W.

BIZ BUZZ

By Betty Olsen

Joel Jussel, manager of Columbia Plaza's Gourmet, is planning to obtain his master's at Fordham University in international business, concentrating on import/export business beginning studies this fall. He earned his bachelor's at Georgetown and has been thinking of the graduate degree for some time and the time is more right now, than not, so he's going for IT. He will wind down his services at The Gourmet around Memorial Day when he is heading to Rehoboth Beach for the summer before taking a bite out of the Big Apple.

If you didn't RSVP to Woodward & Lothrop's fashion show at the metro store recently you missed a fun evening of fashion introducing their Tribout Boutique on their third floor. Champagne was served before the runway show of spring and summer attire which was held in the dining room and afterwards in the Tribout area along with all kinds of vegetables and cheeses also dressed up for the occasion. A trio was also on hand to add their musical renditions to this year's "leggy" occasion. Remember to attend those Jazzercise classes in the Bottom to be in spring and summer shapes for styles.

George Washington Universi-

ty's new president come August 1st, **Stephen J. Trachtenberg**, is winding down his presidential duties at the University of Hartford, Connecticut, presenting comedian George Burns his first honorary degree, doctor of humanities, on March 31st.

The Board of Directors of The Claridge House announced recently their appointment of the new Building Manager, **Ms. Paulette Rabbitt**. Rabbitt has twelve years of service in the real estate and property management field.

Former Secretary of Defense **Caspar W. Weinberger**, who is now a resident of Watergate, is joining the law firm of Rogers and Wells as a Washington-based specialist in international law and finance. The 275-lawyer firm is headed by former Secretary of State William P. Rogers.

Witt Pratt is associated with MAZI artmine now. He designs and sells jewelry of silver and gold with or without stone settings. Pratt even has a street vending license he uses on cer-

tain days around DuPont Circle.

The State Plaza Hotel has opened a catering department with a full range of banquet services under the direction of **Linda L. Fagnoni**. She recently served as catering/convention manager for the Hyatt Regency in Crystal City. Fagnoni has held other positions at the Sheraton in Crystal City, Ridgewells Caterers and the Campbell Soup Company.

The State Plaza Hotel also announces the newest members of their management team. **William Anderson** accepted the position of General Manager this past January. Anderson's background includes experience in all aspects of hotel management and food and beverage operations. He most recently served as General Manager at the Georgetown Inn and was involved in the opening of the Park Terrace Hotel in Washington. In addition Anderson has held various positions with Omni Hotels throughout the U.S.

Also effective in January **James Weeks** accepted the position of Director, Food and Beverage Operations. He will direct all the catering functions at The State Plaza and manage The Garden Cafe. Weeks has a wide range of food and beverage management experience within hotel restaurant and catering operation. He was a manager at Windows Restaurant Catering and was involved in the opening of Barons, the gourmet dining restaurant at the Sheraton Tysons Corner in Virginia. The State Plaza Hotel is located at 2117 E Street, NW right off Virginia Ave.

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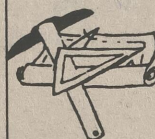
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Betty Olsen of the *News* joined the elephantine parade last year and was quoted by Elizabeth Kastor in the *Washington Post* as saying, "This is more important than anything else I

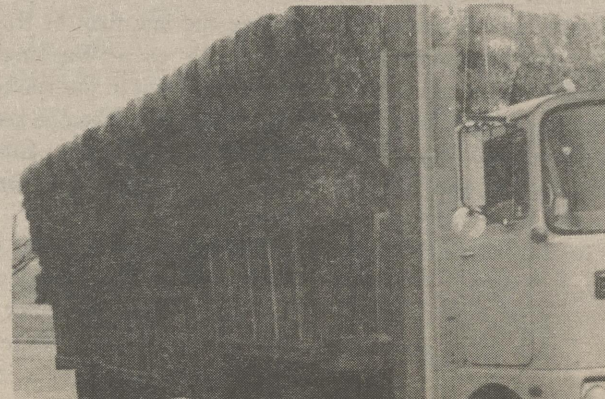
could do today. I adore them. When I come back I'm going to be an elephant. They're strong enough to wield enormous power and they're gentle enough not to need to. I think we could all learn from that."

If you are a lover of elephants you will thoroughly enjoy their arrival at the Armory where they are watered down thoroughly by the managers of the herd. And you can see "up close and personal" how some of them react so fondly to their trainers and just how much water they can easily hold. Talk about being thirsty? You'll hear stories too such as when one of the elephants adopted a German shepherd and used to cuddle it (is that the right word for an elephant?), taking care to show

it plenty of affection. Then one day the shepherd wandered off and the elephant moped for days until it wandered back and she became herself again. If you thought all elephants are the same color, think again. One of the trainers said that if they appear to be the same color it is only because they have all been in the same mud hole.

One trainer said, "One year I went to the circus with my mother and found out they needed help with the elephant care so I signed up and have become a devoted elephant fan for life. They are special."

The Circus will be at the D.C. Armory from March 29 through April 17. But the elephant walk is only March 29. It will make your day in a BIG way!



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Did you know it's a myth that if a dog wags its tail, it must be friendly? The fact is that is not necessarily true. It might be in a state of not knowing what to do such as: if we heard a loud noise outside and were eating we might wag our tail because we wouldn't know whether to see what was going on or finish our meal.

Saw Nicky recently out for a stroll with owner Claire Ciftci. Boy, is he a friendly poodle. She said that Nicky needed another bath. He's white, you know, and needs a little extra care. Poodles are sometimes referred to as people with fur. Some people think that they aren't dogs at all. Psst — I don't think that they think that either.

Paw



Nina, who lives at the Plaza, is going to move Her owner, Sylvia Tamayo, and her husband Paul have moved to Richmond. She is really where the tea cup variety begins, I think.

Will miss the fashions on parade of the various dogs going into spring. During the cold spell their cloth coats were colorful.

I walked down by Washington Harbor today at sunset. Those Seward Johnson figures down there are really life-like. The first time I saw his work was on the campus of William and Mary and they seemed so real that I barked and circled the figures of students. Since then I haven't been caught by them but it amuses me to see peo-

Prints

ple at the Harbour who think they're real. Dogs are smart or haven't you heard?

Interesting trivia — did you know that Spuds McKenzie of recent Winter Olympic fame is not a good ole' boy after all, but a girl?

Went down to Bone du Jour the other day to see Nutmeg. That is one smart Corgi. Sorry to have missed the fashion show



sponsored by the shop recently. Next year they are going to have a raised platform for the wee ones like me. Heard they raised over \$1200 for The Humane Society. If you are thinking of a pet check the local animal shelters first and if you check often you can sometimes even get the breed you want. Give

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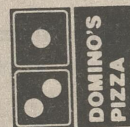
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Neighborhood Datebook

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April 3-May 1: "Imagination Celebration '88," annual Kennedy Center program for children and youth; presents wide variety of music, puppetry, theater, local talent and young playwrights during the month-long National Children's Arts Festival. Variety of events/prizes, many free of charge; 254-3600.

Monday, April 4: Opening of "Small Treasures from the Collection of Patience Ellwood Tole." DAR Museum Gallery. A pot-pourri of snuff boxes, patch boxes and other tiny containers from 1750-1860.

Monday, April 4: Opening of "Toby Jugs from the Collection of Dr. Joseph W. Towle." DAR Museum Gallery. Thirty-six ceramic drinking mugs produced in England from the 1770s to the 1920.

Monday, April 4: Opening of "In Step With Time." DAR Museum Gallery. A look at how women's shoe styles evolved from the mid-eighteenth to the mid-nineteenth century.

Thursday, April 7: Noon-Time Concert, Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H St., NW, Steven Honigberg, cellist, virtuoso works for cello and piano, with pianist Kathryn Brake, 12:15-1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12: ANC Meeting, Red Cross Building, 2025 E Street, NW, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12: Lecture on Liturgy, Rev. Richard Fragamini, St. Stephen Martyr Church, 2436 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, 7:00 p.m. (see story elsewhere in this issue).

Thursday, April 14: Noon-Time Concert, Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H St., NW, James Horowitz, jazz pianist & vocalist, "Jazz Meets Brazil" in Washington, 12:15-1:00 p.m.

Thursday-Saturday, April 14-16: GWU Department of Theatre & Dance presentation, The House of Blue Leaves, by John Guare, Marvin Center Theater, 800 21st St., NW, \$6; \$3 students/seniors; 994-8072.

Thursday, April 21: Noon-Time Concert, Western Presbyterian Church, 1908 H St., NW, Julian Gray & Ronald Pearl, classical guitar duo, "Dances of Europe," from three centuries including our own, 12:15-1:00 p.m.

Thursday-Friday, April 21-22: GWU Department of Theater & Dance Spring Dance Concert, Marvin Center Theatre, 700 21st St., NW, \$6; \$3 students/seniors; 994-8072.

Friday-Saturday, April 22-23: St. Stephen Martyr Church Spring Bazaar, 2436 Pennsylvania Ave., NW (25th St. entrance).

Sunday, April 24: Chamber Music Festival recital, Martin Luther King Memorial Library, 901 G St., NW, 2:00 p.m. Music by Prokofiev and Thuille.

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SIDEWALK TALK

By Betty Olsen

Marlene Colucci was featured as the lead-off lady in the March Washingtonian's Old Favorites New Classics — layout choosing an old favorite from her own closet to be accessorized anew by the magazine. In her case, Nordstrom did the accessories. She and her husband own and manage the Florian Restaurant on K and 20th St. and were also featured in an earlier *FB News* "Faces of Foggy Bottom." Mrs. Colucci loves flowers, their restaurant means flower in Latin, and is surrounded by them in the full-color-full page and a half picture. The Coluccis live in Watergate South.

"It's the first time, ever, I have been to Geneva, Switzerland," exclaimed **Tom Strieminski**. The resident of the Griffin was going to attend a meeting of Gatt, General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, but planned to sight-see and shop every opportunity available to him. Ask him if he bought a Swiss watch when he returns.

Rita Audo of Baltimore was in town recently visiting **Bea Riel** of Columbia Plaza and even attended the ANC meeting with her. Now that's a friend!

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Giddens, Watergate West, were also at the meeting in March that covered proposed changes in Watergate. Met them a 100 years or so ago in Mobile, Alabama, where Mr. Giddens was an architect and the owner of WKRG-TV where I did on-air work. Through the years he headed The Voice of America for almost eight of those years following Henry Loomis but before Peter Strauss in that position. The Giddens still enjoy southern living and maintain a home there as well as here. It is indeed a small world!

Sara Larkin who paints oil portraits is working on a self-portrait now. The mirror is right by her easel as she paints her likeness in her new studio in Foggy Bottom on Virginia Avenue. Larkin studied at the University of Pennsylvania and lived in the Orient for several years before locating, after other trails she followed, in D.C.

Did you know that **Bill Diedrich** writes poetry? He said recently that he received the fastest rejection slip ever from the *New Yorker* — three days — with an admonishment that next time he submitted to enclose a self-addressed envelope.



This is the latest forecast of when the Cherry Blossoms will pop into bloom. They should be right at their height of blooming on April 5th, in the middle of the Cherry Blossom Festival slated from April 3 to April 10.

Maria Tyler, Ward 2 ANC Commissioner, just returned from a two-month trip . . . everywhere. She said, "Even though I'd been to Australia before, this return trip was special since Geoffrey and I stayed just a hop, skip and jump to the water." This is a special time for anyone who visits that continent since they're celebrating their 200th birthday this year.

DiDi Nooney and **Morella Hansen**, sisters, were seen walking with SPRING in their steps to Georgetown recently.

George Washington University is playing baseball at the Auxiliary Field at the RFK Stadium . . . remember. Call the Athletic Dept. of the school to find out home game times.

St. Stephen Martyr Church to Host Talk on Liturgy

Father Richard Fragamini will address the topic of the Celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy on Tuesday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall of St. Stephen Martyr Church, 2436 Pennsylvania Ave.

Father Fragamini will reflect upon the symbolisms of the Catholic Mass and what significance and meanings they hold for today's Christian community.

Father Fragamini is from the Diocese of Albany, New York and for six years he was its

Director on Liturgy. He is currently completing work on a Ph.D. in liturgical studies at the Catholic University of America here in Washington. He also has traveled extensively in the United States and Canada working on parish renewal.

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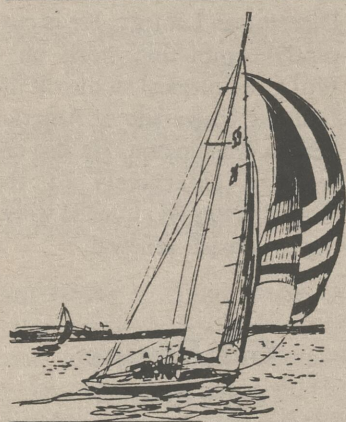


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BEYOND THE BOTTOM

By Kirsten Olsen



Sea and Sky: Where to enjoy both at the same time

Sometimes what's fun is flopping down on warm, soft grass to gaze at puffy, white clouds and rippling, green water.

If you're into that kind of fun, a jaunt to the Washington Sailing Marina is in order.

No, this isn't the marina with all the restaurants. Nor does this marina require a long drive to the Chesapeake Bay to reach it. This unassuming little jewel is very close by car, or a nice ride on your bicycle.

The marina is a low-key place on Mount Vernon Highway, just past National Airport. A small peninsula forms the centerpiece of the tiny port. Sitting

squarely on the pancake-shaped peninsula about 30 feet from the edge of the Potomac River is a gray-washed building housing a gift shop, snack place, restaurant and bar. (Note: I've never eaten at the marina, but the open-air terrace looks to be a great place to loiter over a drink.)

The sailboats are either parked on trailers or tucked unobtrusively out of sight. Most of the sailboats are small and modest. (This is not the kind of marina you go to when looking for a yacht to buy with your lottery winnings.)

The marina does, however, offer both sailing and windsurfing instruction after the middle of May. (When those activities are rolling, the deck of the sailing center is a great place to go for a chuckle. Watching the windsurfers trying to achieve

the perfect balance between board and river can be quite amusing.)

The peninsula also faces the southern end of National Airport's runway. Relaxing on the grass at the edge of the river, you can watch the planes gracefully settling down. The spot is especially attractive because the distance between you and the planes blunts the noise. Of course, if you get tired of looking at man-made birds, you can always shift your attention to the wheeling seagulls overhead. (Hint: At sunset it's a perfect spot for romance.)

The marina is a comfortable trip that's just about 15 minutes by car or around an hour by bike. If you're biking it, pick up the trail at Thompson's Boat House, go over Memorial Bridge, and stay to the left when you come off the bridge. If you're driving, also go across Memorial Bridge, follow the signs to Alexandria (also along the river) and the marina's to your left past National Airport. (Note: the entrance isn't well marked — look for it when the center median fills up with big oak-type trees.)

By all means dilly-dally before or after you visit the marina. The trail and road beyond the marina are smooth and beautiful.

So don't be lazy — get up, get out, and get going — Beyond the Bottom!

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SPRING CLEAN-UP 1988 — JOIN OUR ANTI-CRIME CAMPAIGN

Spring has always been a time for cleanup and beautification. Each year, the District of Columbia sanitation, street repair and beautification services are concentrated into a comprehensive effort led by the Department of Public Works.

The 1988 Citywide Clean-Up Campaign begins March 28 and continues through June 3, and will include the beginning of full-scale sanitation and public space enforcement activities described in this brochure. We are asking you and your neighbors to join our clean-up.

Help make the "Visible Difference!"

1988 SPRING CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE

Ward 1	April 11—April 15
Ward 2	April 4—April 8
Ward 3	May 16—May 20
Ward 4	March 28—April 1
Ward 5	May 9—May 13
Ward 6	May 2—May 6
Ward 7	April 18—April 22
Ward 8	May 30—June 3

Remember, Cleanliness Begins at Home

- Clear your home and yard of unwanted items.
- Put small items or yard clippings in bags or cans. Bundle brush and branches in four-foot lengths and place at your regular pick-up point.
- Put large bulky items at your regular pick-up point by 7 a.m. on Monday of your clean-up week. Public Works crews (other than your regular sanitation workers) will collect the items by the end of the week.
- If you don't know where to place your trash for collection, call 727-4825.

If You Live in an Apartment, Remember

- The city DOES NOT collect refuse from apartment or commercial buildings. Landlords must provide sufficient containers to be collected by licensed haulers at least twice a week. For information or enforcement call 576-7387.

Abandoned Vehicle Removal

- Abandoned and junked vehicles should be reported to the Department of Public Works. Call 673-6993 with the location of the vehicle, its description and tag number.

The War on Potholes

- Each year, city crews pay special attention to making permanent repairs to potholes. Help us find them so we can fix them! Report pothole locations to the Pothole Hotline at 767-8527.

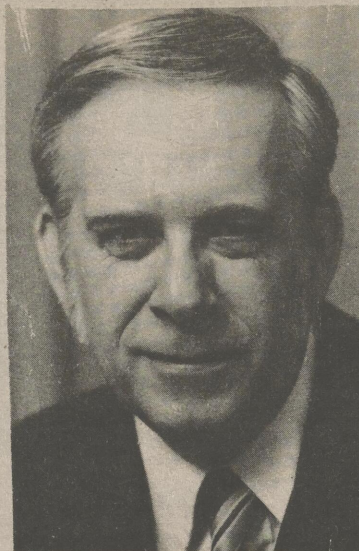
Trees in Public Space

- The District's street trees are among its most beautiful resources. The Department of Public Works' Tree Division counts on you to be the "adoptive parents" of the street trees in front of your home. Call 767-8532 if you suspect disease or observe hazardous branches. The tree space may be used for mulch or planting low-growing plants. DO NOT: change the soil level, use plants that interfere with tree roots or erect fences and barriers hazardous to pedestrians.

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